

THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (currently amended) A method of monitoring activities performed at a cable television tap, the method comprising the steps of:

determining whether technician data is read;

storing the technician data in association with an access time and an access date upon

determining that the technician data is read; and

providing data to a remote location; and

associating the data with the cable television tap.

2. (currently amended) The method according to claim 1, further comprising generating a sensor signal.

3. (original) The method according to claim 2, further comprising storing the access time and the access date in response to the sensor signal.

4. (currently amended) The method according to claim 1, further comprising determining whether a port status has been modified.

5. (original) The method according to claim 4, further comprising storing the modified port status in association with the access time and access date upon determining that the port status has been modified.

6. (original) The method according to claim 1, wherein the data is provided at a predetermined time interval.

7. (original) The method according to claim 1, wherein the data is provided upon request.

8. (currently amended) The method according to claim 1, further comprising receiving the data at a computer at the remote location.

9. (currently amended) The method according to claim 1, further comprising generating a report ~~base~~ based in part on the provided data.

10. (original) The method according to claim 1, further comprising reading technician data.

11. (original) The method according to claim 1, further comprising providing port status data.

12. (currently amended) A system for monitoring activities performed at a cable television tap, the system comprising: ~~the steps of:~~

a controller operable to determine whether technician data is read;

a memory, coupled to controller, operable to store the technician data in association with an access time and an access date upon a determination that the technician data is read; and

a communication medium, coupled to the controller, operable to provide data to a remote location; and

wherein the controller is operable to associate the data with the cable television tap.

13. (currently amended) The system according to claim 12, further comprising a sensor, coupled to the controller, operable to generate a ~~sensor~~ changed status signal.

14. (currently amended) The system according to claim 13, ~~further comprising~~ wherein the memory is operable to store the access time and the access date.

1 15. (currently amended) The system according to claim 12, ~~further comprising:~~ wherein the
2 controller is operable to determine whether a port status has been modified.

1 16. (currently amended) The system according to claim ~~[[6]]~~ 12, ~~further comprising~~ wherein
2 the memory is operable to store the modified port status in association with the access time and
3 access date upon a determination that the port status has been modified.

1 17. (original) The system according to claim 12, wherein the data is provided at a
2 predetermined time interval.

1 18. (original) The system according to claim 12, wherein the data is provided upon request.

1 19. (currently amended) The system according to claim 12, further comprising~~[[.]]~~ a
2 computer, coupled to the communication medium, operable to receive the data.

1 20. (currently amended) The system according to claim ~~[[12]]~~ 19, ~~further comprising~~
2 wherein the computer: is operable to generate a report ~~base~~ based in part on the provided data.

1 21. (original) The system according to claim 12, further comprising a reader, coupled to the
2 controller, operable to read technician data.

1 22. (currently amended) The system according to claim 12, further comprising tap circuitry,
2 coupled to the controller, operable to ~~providing~~ provide port status data.